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## **FWP AND APHIS SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT EA FOR BISON QUARANTINE FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASES II AND III**

**BOZEMAN**—Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Services (APHIS VS) invite the public to submit comments on a draft environmental assessment (EA) for Phases II and III of a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study.

Released on December 12, 2005, the draft EA will be available for public comment through January 13, 2006. In addition, a public meeting will be held on Monday, December 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the FWP Region 3 Headquarters in Bozeman (1400 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

The draft EA was prepared by FWP and APHIS VS to analyze the environmental impacts associated with a proposal to develop appropriate quarantine facilities to implement Phases II and III of a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study.

The quarantine protocol, if successfully completed, could generate a population of disease-free animals. These animals may be available for bison restoration projects on suitable habitats within the original range of plains bison.

The complete draft EA and additional project information is available at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/> by clicking on Recent Public Notices or <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/brucellosis/>. The draft EA may also be read in the APHIS reading room, located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call 202-690-2817 before coming.

Comments or questions may be emailed to: [BisonQuarantineEA@mt.gov](mailto:BisonQuarantineEA@mt.gov) or mailed to:

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